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Block Quotes

Wednesday, May 23, 2007

-- Under the title "What is happening in the Gulf region?" in
progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas Faisal Al-Fuhaid inquired
(05/23):

"It is known that the United States in all its official speeches and
rhetoric has not ruled out the military option in dealing with Iran.
Also, Ahmadi Najad insisted on the importance of ridding the Gulf
States of foreign forces and blamed them for the lack of security.
Are the American forces present in Kuwait part of those the Iranian
president spoke of?"

-- "It is in Fatah's interest that Hamas overcome its problems" was
the title under which Faisal Al-Zamel stated in moderate Arabic
daily Al-Anbaa (05/23):

"It is in Fatah's interest that Hamas overcome the current problem;
because, if its turn at the helm comes as a result of the natural
political cycle, it will be able to blame Hamas for recognizing
Israel.... Does Fatah realize that it now has a golden opportunity
or is it still dominated by the usual short-sightedness?"

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